

ried away into a second captivity from which she never returned ; so that the Tartarian woman had her Thracian husband again.

I am desirous of calling the attention of the public to an excellent communication, under the signature of "un Solitaire" and a reply under that of "Elvire Leger," on the subject of the frivolity of female education in Canada, and in particular the prevalent and exclusive preference that is given to music in the instruction of young ladies. These letters which are to be found in the "Spectateur Canadien" of last week and the week before, are too long for translation, otherwise I scarcely know what I could present to my serious readers more worthy of their attention, or to the volatile, more amusing and entertaining whilst they are also instructive.

Though, as may have been perceived, I look upon music as a frivolous and unprofitable amusement, the best praise of which is that it may keep those who practice it from doing worse, I have nevertheless both an ear for melody and a taste for the art when it be made the hand-maid of poetry and sentiment. If my space to-day would have allowed it, the lines by Eriens, entitled "Music hath charms" would have appeared in this number, but I am compelled to reserve them for the next.

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MUNICIPAL CONTRACT.

Tenders will be received at the Office of the *Society for the suppression of Mud*, for the establishment of ferries across St. Paul Street towards the Hay-market, and to provide safe conveyances for foot-passengers over the rapids in front of the late stores of Messrs. Allison Turner & Co. An assortment of Jack-boots and sabots will likewise be wanted to accommodate those who have to cross the bottom of both the old and new-markets; and it is proposed to erect temporary toll-bridges in several parts of the suburbs, particularly in Dorchester, and La Guichetière Streets. N. B. It is expected that the contractors will in all cases guarantee that no persons shall sink deeper than the knees in mud; and the occupiers of houses in the most miry situations are respectfully requested to keep their front windows shut to avoid shocking the modesties of such ladies as are forced, in wading through the gutters, to display their garters.